

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-28, 30-38, 40-49, 51-59, and 61-65 remain pending in this application.

Claims 8, 18, 29, 39, 50 and 60 have been cancelled. As per the Examiner's statement in the office action dated July 15, 2003, the typographical error in claim 2 is corrected, and the specification amended to capitalize the use of the trademark Puregene®. Furthermore, claim 45 has been amended. Thus, claims 46-48 are now valid.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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